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President's Report - Hurtle Lupton

Following the new procedure in controlling the use of the thicknesser, I am please to report that last month there was no significant damage to the machine. Thank you to all members who have put up with the inconvenience of having to wait on the Key Holder before the thicknesser can be used, and a very big thank you to the Key Holders who have accepted this additional responsibility in a professional manner.

The last Working Bee was again very successful, with 25 members turning up to clean up the workshops and perform general maintenance duties. It is very important that with all the machinery located in the various workshops that we continue to operate in a safe environment. Our Working Bees are a testament to this.

When Nick Wakeling, State Member for Ferntree Gully, visited the premises three weeks ago, he was advised of the club's intention to

install an air filtration system in order to ensure the capture of very small dust particles which currently circulate through out the workshops. Nick was very interested and concerned with the problem, and has made a requested for funding from the Minister for Community Services.

Laura Smyth, Federal Member for Latrobe will also be visiting the clubrooms where members of the Committee will explain the dust problem and request her assistance in the possibility of obtaining funding from the Federal Government.

Thank you to all those members who were at the Clubrooms during the above visits. You certainly helped make a very good impression as to the working of the Club.

Your Committee has made a request for the club to utilise one of the bays in the former Placemakers shed. Officers from the Knox City Council visited the clubrooms were it was

explained to them how the availability of additional work space would improve the safety of the Club Members. A report was to be presented to Council Officers in the last week of June.



Important Diary Dates

Wednesday 6th July

Monthly Meeting and Partners Night commencing at **7:30 pm**.

Guest Speaker - Mick Talbot talking on his experiences in Christchurch following the earthquake.

Wednesday 20 July

Committee Meeting - **7:30 pm**.

Sunday 24th July

Hand Tool Preservation Association tool sale at Glenferrie Primary School -

9.00 am to 12.30 pm

Wednesday 3rd August

Monthly Meeting - **7:30 pm**.

Friday 12th August

Drop-off of entries for "Be-In-It" Competition - **10:00 am to 12 noon and 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**.

Saturday 13th August

WORKING BEE - 8:00 am onwards.

Drop-off of entries for "Be-In-It" Competition - **9:00 am to 12 noon**.

Sunday 14th August

Drop-off of entries for "Be-In-It" Competition - **9:00 am to 11:00 am**.

"Be In It" Competition - 2:00 pm.

Please bring a Plate for afternoon tea.

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th October

Stringybark Festival.



Members Welfare

Best wishes for a full and speedy recovery to those of our members in ill health.



Belated Happy Birthday in January

The very best of Birthday wishes to Bruce Powell for his Birthday on the 4th of January.



Happy Birthdays in July

The very best of Birthday wishes to

Chris Gerritzen	1st July
Frank O'Connor	9th July
Charles Mann	10th July
Henk Eyssens	11th July
Robert Gower	16th July
Greg Duthie	30th July
Paul Hayward	31st July



Around the Club

The **July Monthly Meeting** will be our first **Partners' Night**, and we encourage you all to bring along your spouse or partner to the meeting, as an opportunity to let them see our Clubrooms and to meet the friends and cronies that we talk to them about. Mick Talbot will be our guest speaker on the night, and will be talking on his experiences in Christchurch following the recent earthquake.



The **"Be In It" Competition** is being held on Sunday 14th August this year, and all Members are encouraged to submit something that they have produced. There is no limit on the number of items (within reason) that you can enter. Don't forget to bring a plate (with something edible upon it) on the day. Times for dropping off items are listed under the Important Diary Dates. Don't forget that there is a Working Bee on Saturday 13th of August, during which we will be both setting up for the Competition as well as doing general maintenance. Please come and help, if you are able.



John Jackson has kindly assumed the role of acting Treasurer while Serge Meilak is on holidays.



The Club's **rubbish bins** are set out on Tuesday afternoon on the opposite side of the road. Could we ask Members who attend on Wednesday to please collect them when empty.

Another request for Members to please **check the dust extractor** and to empty the bags if full.

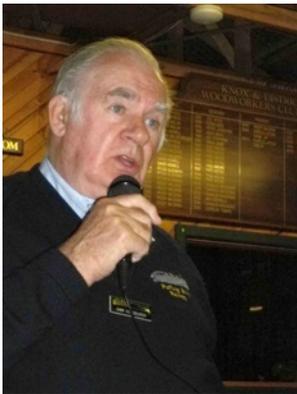


The past month has seen visits to the Clubrooms by **Nick Wakeling**, State Member for Ferntree Gully,

and **Laura Smyth**, Federal Member for Latrobe. On each occasion a turned pen was presented to our visitor.



Knox Mayor, **Sue McMillan** will also be visiting the Club on the morning of Monday, 4th July to see our facilities and to meet Members. Cr. McMillan has also kindly agreed to assist in the judging of the "Be-In-It" Competition.



Guest speaker at the June Meeting was **Don Horsburgh** from the Puffing Billy Railway, who entertained us with the history of the narrow gauge lines in Victoria.



The number of **Christmas Toys** completed, now stands at 101. Help is still needed for this worthwhile project so please come down to the Club on a Thursday morning to join this dedicated group or, alternatively, make a toy or two when you can, at home or at the Club. Contact John Jackson if you need ideas or help with this.



Clock-making has become increasingly popular among Members. One of the more ambitious projects is this beautiful Grandmother clock being constructed by **Ray Norton**.

**We thank Nick Wakeling MP
- Member for Ferntree Gully
for printing our newsletter as a
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The new **Excalibur** scrollsaw is proving to be increasingly popular. It is easy to use, and one of the safest saw types. **Laurie Ham** has already produced a number of items on it. If you want a helping hand getting started, ask Laurie or me. (Editor).

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Bill Ireland has recently built yet another outdoor seat for the Club. Bill has to be one of our most prolific Club Members in terms of the number of projects completed!

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We must express our thanks to **Wanita** from **The Woodworking Warehouse**, who has kindly donated a selection of push-sticks and push-blocks to the Club. These have been distributed around the machine shop, and we encourage you all to make good use of these essential aids to safety.

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Two additional lathes have been donated to the Club, a Teknatool TL-1000 and a Millers Falls WLFB-4S. It is intended to put these into service in the near future. The Woodfast 1000 has been remotored and should be back in service soon.

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The date from which half the annual fee shall apply for newly joining Members is now March 1st. New Members joining the Club on or after March 1st in any year will now pay the joining fee (currently \$55.00) plus half the annual fee of (currently) \$65.00, ie. \$32.50). New Members joining prior to March 1st shall pay the full fees.

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A note about opening hours. Members can access the Club's facilities during any of the timetabled hours for any woodworking project. The access is not limited to Members of the particular timetabled group. Eg. if you wish to do some turning during the Rocking Horse Group's time, that is fine. However, the group that is timetabled does have priority over the use of equipment if there is a clash.



From the Soapbox

Whilst there has been no major damage to the thicknesser this month, there has been, nevertheless, some damage to the table, caused by something metal



being dropped on it. The raised lip around the small dent would have produce scratching on the surface of any timber being passed over it if

left unrepaired. It is essential that we all take care in how we treat the cast-iron tables on all of the Club's machines, be it the jointer, table-saw, router-table, etc., as the denting of these surfaces will result in marring the finished timber. If you must put a metal object on any of these surfaces, please do so gently!



It has come to our attention that some Members are installing grinding wheels without "ringing" them first. When changing the wheels on any bench grinder, it is essential to perform a "ring test". A damaged or cracked wheel can explode, so if you are uncertain as to how to "ring the wheel", then ask for help. All grinding wheels can break, therefore do not stand directly in front of the wheels when starting the grinder. **Alan Peach** will be giving a brief presentation on both this subject and the use of twist drills at this month's Meeting.



Useful Supplier

I recently had occasion to make a purchase from Cam Art in Mount Waverley. The staff were

most friendly and helpful, and gave me a tour of their stock. Amongst the items of interest to us as woodworkers were a wide variety of plastic wheels and axles suitable for toymaking, and some very low-priced clock movements. Go to <http://www.camartech.com.au/> for their online catalogue.



Humor

A workman was killed at a construction site. The police began questioning a number of the other workers. Based with past brushes with the law, many of these workers were considered prime suspects. They were a motley crew:

The electrician was suspected of wiretapping once but was never charged.

The carpenter thought he was a stud. He tried to frame another man one time.

The glazier went to great panes to conceal his past. He still claims that he didn't do anything; that he was framed.

The painter had a brush with the law several years ago.

The heating, ventilation and air conditioning contractor was known to pack heat. He was arrested once but duct the charges.

The mason was suspect because he gets stoned regularly.

The cabinet maker is an accomplished counter fitter.

The autopsy led the police to arrest the carpenter, who subsequently confessed. The evidence against him was irrefutable, because it was found that the workman, when he died, was hammered.



Weekly Workshop Hours and Keyholders

Monday	9:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Wood Turning	John Emptage	9758 6103
			Henk Eyssens	5968 5119
Tuesday	9:30 AM - 2:30 PM	Kids Korner	Peter Horsburg	9879 5144
	6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Wood Turning	Bruce Allen	9754 5774
Wednesday	9:30 AM - 2:30 PM	General Access	Ray Norton	9763 5728
Thursday	9:30 AM - 2:30 PM	Toymakers	Tony Deabe	9774 7917
	6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Fine Furniture	George Knight	0427 417823
Friday	10:00 AM - 1:30 PM	General Access	Barry McDermott	9753 6157
	6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Rocking Horses	Tony Truett	9873 2847
			Bruce Allen	9754 5774

Saturday Morning Roster

June 2011 - 09:30 am to 12:30 pm

NOTE: If no members have arrived by 10-30 am the Key Holder has the option of closing

Note: All Members are welcome to access the Clubrooms at any of the above times.

Current Community Support Activites

2	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227
9	Ray Norton	9763 5720
16	Brian Douds	9758 6103
23	Dick Webb	9887 5310
30	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227

Project	Recipient	Status
Toys	Disadvantaged Kids For Christmas	Continually in progress
Angel Boxes	Angliss Hospital	Continuous
Chairs & Stools	CPEC	As Required
Various Turnings	Stock for Festivals, etc.	In progress
Kids Korner Kits	Kids Korner Activities	Continuous
Possum Boxes	Knox Council	Completed
Bench Seat	Stringybark Festival	Completed
Clock	Stringybark Festival	In progress
Round Table	Stringybark Festival	In progress

Members Discounts

The Following Suppliers offer discounts to Members.

Bristol Paints - Ferntree Gully.

Caroll's Woodcraft Supplies.

Carba-Tec.

Ferntree Gully Bolts.

Hobby Tools Australia.

Mitre-10 - Bayswater.

Pop's Shed.

Total Tools, Ferntree Gully.

Woodworking Machinery Specialists.

The Woodworking Warehouse.

On Sale at the Club

Club Caps	\$12.00
Club Polo Shirts	\$22.00
Screws (packet)	\$2.00
Nails - 500 gm (2' x 12 G)	\$2.00